



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 1097***

LCO No. 5226



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:  
(ED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING STATE FUNDING FOR EDUCATION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-65 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2015*):

4 (a) Each local or regional school district operating an agricultural  
5 science and technology education center approved by the State Board  
6 of Education for program, educational need, location and area to be  
7 served shall be eligible for the following grants: (1) In accordance with  
8 the provisions of chapter 173, through progress payments in  
9 accordance with the provisions of section 10-287i, (A) for projects for  
10 which an application was filed prior to July 1, 2011, ninety-five per  
11 cent, and (B) for projects for which an application was filed on or after  
12 July 1, 2011, eighty per cent of the net eligible costs of constructing,  
13 acquiring, renovating and equipping approved facilities to be used for  
14 such agricultural science and technology education center, for the  
15 expansion or improvement of existing facilities or for the replacement  
16 or improvement of equipment therein, and (2) subject to the provisions

17 of section 10-65b and within available appropriations, in an amount  
18 equal to three thousand two hundred dollars per student for every  
19 secondary school student who was enrolled in such center on October  
20 first of the previous year.

21 Sec. 2. Subsection (g) of section 10-65 of the general statutes is  
22 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
23 *1, 2015*):

24 (g) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 10-51 and 10-222, for  
25 the fiscal year ending June 30, [2015] 2016, any amount received by a  
26 local or regional board of education pursuant to subdivision (2) of  
27 subsection (a) of this section that exceeds the amount appropriated for  
28 education by the municipality or the amount in the budget approved  
29 by such regional board of education for purposes of said subdivision  
30 (2) of subsection (a) of this section, shall be available for use by such  
31 local or regional board of education, provided such excess amount is  
32 spent in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (2) of  
33 subsection (a) of this section.

34 Sec. 3. Subsection (f) of section 10-266aa of the general statutes is  
35 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
36 *1, 2015*):

37 (f) The Department of Education shall provide grants to regional  
38 educational service centers or local or regional boards of education for  
39 the reasonable cost of transportation for students participating in the  
40 program. For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2003] 2015, and each fiscal  
41 year thereafter, the department shall provide such grants within  
42 available appropriations, provided the state-wide average of such  
43 grants does not exceed an amount equal to three thousand two  
44 hundred fifty dollars for each student transported, except that the  
45 Commissioner of Education may grant to regional educational service  
46 centers or local or regional boards of education additional sums from  
47 funds remaining in the appropriation for such transportation services

48 if needed to offset transportation costs that exceed such maximum  
49 amount. The regional educational service centers shall provide  
50 reasonable transportation services to high school students who wish to  
51 participate in supervised extracurricular activities. For purposes of this  
52 section, the number of students transported shall be determined on  
53 September first of each fiscal year.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	10-65(a)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	10-65(g)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	10-266aa(f)

***Statement of Purpose:***

To (1) require that state grants for vocational-agricultural schools be made within available appropriations, (2) prohibit the supplanting of vocational-agricultural school funding in fiscal year 2016, and (3) allow the Department of Education to grant local or regional boards of education additional sums from funds remaining in the appropriation for transportation services.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*